

## THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The " Friends of the Library" of the Horton Branch of Carnegie Public Library is a group of citizens interested in helping the library reach its maximum usefulness in the community through co-operation with the library staff in any way possible.

Last year, -1947-48, the library staff and advisory board of the Horton Branch , faced with the problem o f inadequate library facilities and housed in rented quarters that are not centrally located in either the downtown business area or any residential area,decided to call upon a few interested citizens to see what could be done inspite of handicaps to extend library services to the entire community both city and county.

The second Sunday in November, 1947, the opening o f Book Week, the library staff and the advisory board invited a number of citizens in to a "Book Week Tea"at which time the organization of a "Friends of the Library" group was duscussed.The idea was accepted with much enthusiasm and as a result a permanent organization known as " The Friends of the Library" of the Horton Branch Library was perfected with officers elected for the year.

During 1947-48,the group met several times and sponsored two projects. (1) A Christmas party where the theme "What the library has to offer to the community" was presented in a unique way. Several frequent library users, representing a different age group in the community, gave testimonial short talks on how the library had served them. This was followed by a speaker who brought to the group's attention "How the library can serve all groups and all ages in the community with wide and varied interests.